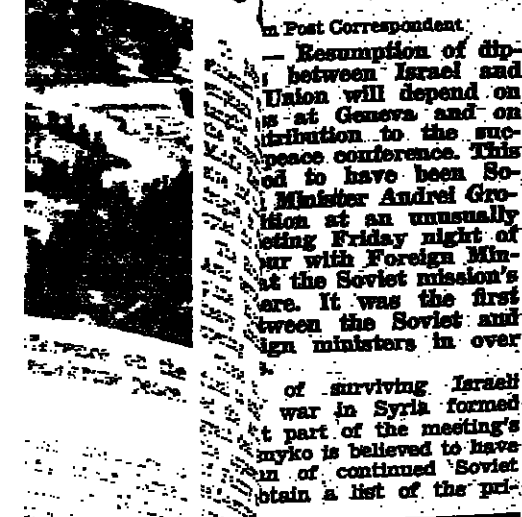


FROM MYKO-EBAN MEET IN GENEVA



Post Correspondent
Resumption of talks between Israel and the Soviet Union will depend on the success of the Geneva conference. The two sides had been in talks for several days, but no breakthrough was expected. The meeting was described as cordial and business-like.

Kissinger happy
U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said here last night that the first stage of the Geneva peace talks had achieved substantial results. He said the meeting was a success and that the two sides had reached a preliminary understanding.

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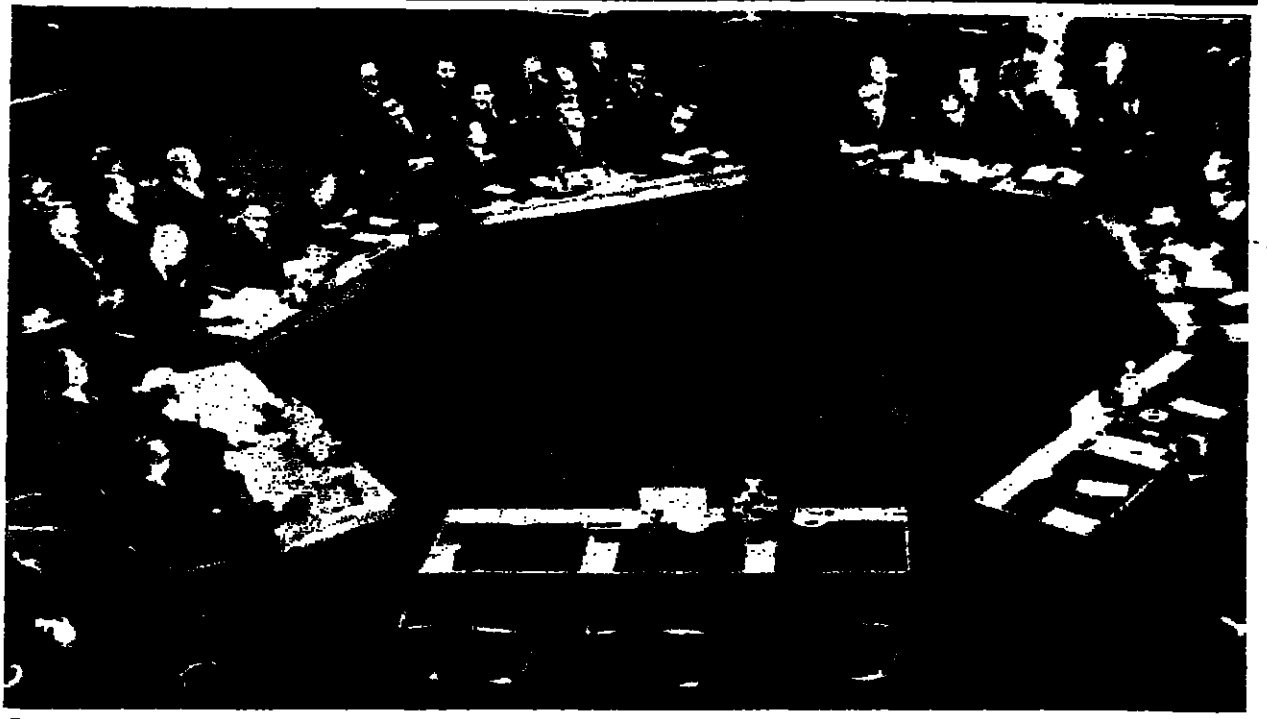
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This was the scene at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on Friday as the Middle East peace conference opened. At center, foreground, is the empty table of the Syrian delegation which did not attend. Other delegations are clockwise from empty table: the Jordanian delegation, headed by Zaid Rifai (center at table); the U.S. delegation, headed by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (center at table); the Egyptian delegation, headed by Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy (center at table); the table of UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim (center at table); the Israeli delegation, headed by Foreign Minister Abba Eban (center at table); and the Soviet delegation, headed by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko (center at table).

Early start surprises Jerusalem Conference lived up to expectations: Eban

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Jerusalem was evidently taken by surprise by the decision in Geneva yesterday to begin talks on military disengagement at the end of the week. It had been assumed here that the talks would only start after New Year's Day — and after Israel's general election on December 31.

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...but any Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories must be based on an agreement to give it "secure and recognized boundaries." There is no question of a new division of sovereignty over Jerusalem, restoring Arab East Jerusalem to Jordan. But he said Israel is willing to discuss ways and means of giving access to Moslems and Christians to their holy places.

Egyptian spokesman: 'A ray of hope, but not much hope'
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
The official spokesman of the Egyptian delegation, Tahsin Bahrir, said yesterday that the inaugural session of the Geneva peace conference marked "a little start," adding, "let us go home with a ray of hope, but not much hope."

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Disengagement talks to start this week

Decisions to be taken by consensus

By ABI RATH and ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Correspondents
GENEVA. — The first phase of the historic Israel-Arab peace conference adjourned yesterday morning at a closed, 15-minute session that decided by consensus to tackle "forthwith" the question of Israel-Egyptian military disengagement. The atmosphere at the meeting was described as cordial and business-like.

There was no doubt in anybody's mind that the peace conference was now under way and that the momentum of meetings would have to be kept up. Both Israeli and Egyptian spokesmen expressed satisfaction at the outcome of the opening session.

Yesterday's meeting was in sharp contrast to the jarring end of the opening session Friday afternoon, when Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy asked for the floor and launched into a venomous reply to Foreign Minister Eban's address.

The first two important results for Israel of the Geneva talks are that it has definitely been recognized as a "peace conference," and that decisions at every stage will be taken by consensus. This will give the conference a character very different from regular UN forums, that are subject to vote and veto.

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11:00 a.m. Refreshments — Chamber Auditorium
11:30 a.m. Symposium on the Subject: THE ROLE OF THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY — THE ISRAELI EXPERIENCE
Participants: Gen. (Res.) Amos Horov, President Professor Jacob Baer, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Professor David Hasson, Vice President for Research Professor Herman Finkel, Dean, Lower Middle Department of Agricultural Engineering Professor Gilbert Ben-Zur, Dean, Department of Architecture and Town Planning Mr. Joseph Aml, Vice President for Administration and Finance At lunch, at the Shina Students Union Building, guests will join members of the Technion's Academic Staff Greetings: Professor Brian Silver Dr. Asa S. Knowles On conclusion of the symposium — sightseeing tour in Haifa, and return to Tel Aviv.

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Gromyko: Fate of world at stake

Reuter. — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said today that the fate of the world could be at stake at the opening of the Middle East Peace Conference in Geneva.

Mr. Gromyko said that any withdrawal from the Middle East would be a "step back" and that the Soviet Union would not support such a move.

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Kissinger: Historic chance for peace

Reuter. — Following the speech by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger at the opening of the Middle East Peace Conference in Geneva today, he said that the conference offered a historic chance for peace in the Middle East.

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Waldheim: Talks are hopeful sign

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Why Syrians aren't there

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assured by the parties in the Middle East within an international framework would be the best guarantee of their mutual security and trust and cooperation under treaties.

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Fahmy: 'Other means' if talks fail

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FOUR OF THE FOREIGN Ministers at Friday's opening session of the Middle East peace conference: (Left to right) Henry Kissinger, Andrei Gromyko, Ismail Fahmy and Abba Eban. (AP photo)

This week

stage. This was then agreed upon by consensus, with Waldheim summing up.

The first speakers at yesterday's session were Kissinger and Gromyko who both stressed the need of not losing momentum in the peace talks. The military working group will thus begin its deliberations this Wednesday or Thursday.

The closed session adjourned with general applause for Waldheim, after Kissinger thanked him and the UN for their assistance in holding the peace conference.

Word of the successful conclusion of yesterday's session at noon spread like wildfire throughout the Palais des Nations. The session began with a 30-minute delay and ended after about a quarter of an hour, leading newsmen to guess the meeting might have broken up in disagreement. But everything had been arranged beforehand and needed only formal approval of previously agreed procedure.

The flurry of top-speed, high-level diplomatic activity continued throughout yesterday. It began with another breakfast meeting between Kissinger and Eban.

Then Kissinger called on Fahmy at the Egyptian's suite at the Intercontinental hotel, going afterwards to the Soviet mission for a working luncheon with Gromyko.

In the afternoon, Rifai called on Kissinger, with the latter meeting once more with Fahmy. In the evening, Fahmy again had dinner with Waldheim, before the latter's departure this morning. In between were Fahmy's meetings with Gromyko. It is assumed that the afternoon meeting between Kissinger and Fahmy finalized agreement on procedure for the military working group, which had not been spelled out at the plenum session in the morning.

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Fahmy said that during his own address to the conference he had "used the facts and nothing but the facts."

"It was not in need of the procedures which the Foreign Minister of Israel chose because I do not need to speak here for home consumption and because I do not have any election campaign that is going to take place in a few days in my country."

The Egyptian Foreign Minister said that Israel now found itself completely isolated because of its "behaviour against the Arab community, the Arab countries and against the Palestinians."

Fahmy said that Eban had "tried to belittle the intelligence of the conference by distorting facts."

He then detailed a list of Israeli attacks which he said had been carried out on the Arab people. These had culminated with raids on Syria and Lebanon and the "mass murders" of some Palestinian commanders, he said.

He also said that the atrocities carried out by Palestinian terrorists were the acts of "desperate men" which Israel subjugated by force in 1947 and that they were "entitled" to act in this way.

Disengagement

GENEVA (Reuter). — Officials accompanying Dr. Henry Kissinger at the peace conference here yesterday denied reports that the U.S. Secretary of State would marry New York socialite Nancy Maginnis on December 23.

Washington reports had said that Dr. Kissinger would marry Miss Maginnis, his constant companion for the past three years, just after Christmas.

GENEVA (Reuter). — A programme of implementation and a timetable for this withdrawal should be drawn up and agreed upon.

"The legitimate rights of the Arab people of Palestine must be fulfilled in accordance with the resolutions of the UN, and the Palestinian refugees must exercise their right of repatriation or compensation in accordance with law and justice."

"Arab Jerusalem is an integral part of the Arab occupied territories, therefore Israel must relinquish its authority over it. Arab sovereignty must be restored in the Arab sector of the city. The holy places of all the three divine religions must be preserved, protected and respected and free access for all the followers of these three religions must be secure and maintained."

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13 blasts in London in 6 days

LONDON (UPI). — A letter bomb mailed by Irish extremists exploded in the hands of a policeman yesterday at a police station in South-east London, a Scotland Yard spokesman said.

He said the letter was among several suspicious packages collected from various sites and taken to the station to be checked out by bomb experts.

The blast badly lacerated the officer's hands and pierced his legs with shrapnel wounds.

He was the 71st person injured in 13 London bomb explosions since last Monday and the fifth since Friday night.

In the last blasts, Irish Republican Army (IRA) extremists bracketed the movie district in downtown London with three midnight bombs that shattered windows and injured four persons during the night, police said.

Scotland Yard warned the public to expect more explosions.

The first overnight bomb rocked theatre-lined Leicester Square shortly after the pubs closed on Friday night. Two others followed within the next hour at nearby Charing Cross Railway Station and outside the National Liberal Club.

The Leicester Square bomb exploded underneath a moveable no parking sign as pedestrians spilled out of late movies and nearby pubs through the streets. Police said two women were hospitalized with minor injuries, but that everyone else in the area escaped harm.



Police officers at the Astoria Hotel in London's St. Martin's Street after a "no parking" sign exploded outside the hotel at midnight on Friday. (AP radiophoto)

Roads blocked in Ulster to protest Army brutality

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (UPI). — Protestant militants erected temporary roadblocks on main roads throughout Northern Ireland yesterday in protest to alleged brutality in government detention centres.

An army spokesman said the hasty roadblocks remained in place for one hour and closed at least 40 major roads in addition to main streets in Belfast and other cities and towns.

The Ulster Defence Association (UDA) organized the campaign to protest against reports that sus-

pected Protestant gunmen held by the government were being roughly treated in Maze Prison.

It came as political sources close to the Irish Republican Army said the IRA may decide against calling a Christmas cease-fire for the first time since the violence erupted four years ago. At best, they said, the public could only expect a 24-hour respite from bombs and sniping attacks.

A total of 922 persons have been killed in the strife among the majority Protestants, minority Roman Catholics and the security forces in Northern Ireland.

Three men rescued after drifting at sea for month

VICTORIA, Canada (AP). — Three men who survived a month of drifting at sea, powerless, without sails and eventually without food, were kept from reaching port by poor weather after being rescued.

Bad weather made a helicopter evacuation of the three impossible, a spokesman for search and rescue headquarters said on Friday night. They had to settle for being taken yesterday to safety aboard the Canadian destroyer escort MacKenzie.

The 41-foot ketch Pacific Mariner was found helpless about 80 kms. west of Vancouver Island. Aboard was the body of Raymond Bulteel of Langley, British Columbia, who had died during the ordeal, and the three survivors: Capt. Dennis DeLong and Bob Lazard, both of Vancouver, and Bob Quackenbush of Mechanicsville, New York.

All three were weak from mal-

nutrition. A month earlier they had been given up for dead.

The Pacific Mariner had left Yokohama, Japan, on September 15 bound for Vancouver. The four men had food enough for 50 days, said search and rescue Capt. William Aikman. Exactly what happened was not immediately known, but they were reported missing in mid-November.

The search had been abandoned when American and Canadian searchers became convinced the ship had gone down with all hands.

After drifting all that time, apparently without a radio transmitter, the ketch came within hailing distance of a Chinese freighter. They could not communicate with the Chinese because of language problems. The attention of the British freighter North Atlantic Valour was attracted by the Chinese merchantman.

Soyuz 13 docking said cut

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Soyuz 13, the Soviet Union's latest space probe, yesterday appeared nearing the end of a mission marked by the release of even less information than usual.

The Soviet news agency Tass has hinted the flight may end early this week and scientific observers here said they doubted whether expected docking manoeuvres with other craft would be carried out.

They had thought the Soviet Union might link another craft with Soyuz 13 to test docking systems in preparation for a joint U.S.-Soviet flight in 1976.

Speculation persisted here that something went wrong with plans to launch another ship to join Soyuz the day after it was blasted into orbit five days ago. But there was no way of checking whether this was true.

Information on Soyuz 13 has been even more scanty than usual with Soviet space missions. Tass has been issuing only one progress report each day. It reported yesterday that the commander, Major Fyodor Yuliyuk, and civilian engineer Valentin Lebedev, "feel well" and that "on-board systems are functioning normally."

The crew are reported to be watching the stars through a special telescope system and observing the earth's surface. They also have converted human waste into protein.

'Allende held gun between legs, pulled trigger'

SANTIAGO (Reuter). — A personal doctor to the late President Salvador Allende said he watched the Chilean leader blow the top of his head off. Dr. Guzman said he saw Allende take his own life in the blazing ruins of the Moneda Presidential Palace during the September 11 coup which deposed his left-wing government.

Dr. Guzman, who was held in an island prison after the coup and is now under house arrest, said Dr. Allende, seated on a sofa, held the gun between his legs and pulled the trigger. "Death was instantaneous," he said.

Meanwhile, military authorities said yesterday that soldiers shot to death five men in a clash with a group of guerrillas trying to blow up an electrical supply line to the Chilean capital.

The authorities said they gathered evidence in the Friday night clash showing that the men were carrying out a subversive plot code-named "Plan Leopard" for "sabotage and terrorism" against vital installations throughout Chile. The dead were identified as former members of the Chilean Communist Party, now outlawed by the government.

The extremists were surprised by a military patrol in northern Santiago when they were trying to place explosive charges at the foot of a tower in a high-tension line, it was claimed.

Panama Canal toll will be increased

WASHINGTON (AP). — The first toll rate increase in the 59-year history of the Panama Canal was proposed on Friday by the Panama Canal Company.

The company, a U.S. Government agency responsible for operating the canal, asked President Nixon to approve a 20 per cent rate increase to cover rising costs.

Uruguay frees rector jailed for two months

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP). — Military authorities on Friday released the rector of the National University after two months imprisonment.

The move came two days after President Juan M. Bordaberry swore in a 25-member State Council to replace Congress, dissolved on June 27 when Bordaberry and military backers took control of this country of 2.8 million.

Rector Samuel Lichtenzstein and eight deans were given their freedom after being charged in October with maintaining links with subversive groups and allowing the university to be infiltrated by Marxists.

A military court freed them without explanation, but the National University remained partially closed and tightly watched by security units.

Hawaiian suing U.S. for \$300 b.

HONOLULU (AP). — A native Hawaiian is asking in a \$300b. suit that the U.S. District Court here "dissolve the political bands which have connected the Hawaiian Islands to the United States of America."

The suit was filed on Friday by Peggy Ross, of Kahu Uli, Hawaii. Mrs. Ross, who is of 100 per cent Hawaiian ancestry, claims damages resulting from the overthrow of the monarchy in 1893 and the annexation of Hawaii by the U.S. in 1898 "without the consent of the native Hawaiians."

U.S. won't shun Taiwan for Peking a long time

HONGKONG (UPI). — The U.S. will not establish full diplomatic relations with China for a considerable period, according to Prof. Harold Hinton.

Hinton, of the Institute for Sino-Soviet Studies at George Washington University in Missouri, said President Nixon's domestic problems would make it difficult, if not impossible, to cut Washington's ties with Taiwan in favour of Peking. "He just can't afford to," Hinton said in remarks yesterday at a luncheon of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Hongkong.

He said right wing political support for Taiwan still was strong in the U.S. and Nixon is more dependent than ever upon this political element. "If he decides the right wing he will have had it," he said.

Hinton's predictions about the future of Peking-Washington relations were made in an analysis of the subject "Washington, Peking and Moscow — their attitudes in the changing international relationships."

Sino-Soviet differences run very deep. Prospects for any immediate improvement are slim, he said. Both Chinese Communist Party Chairman Mao Tse-tung and the Soviet party leader, Leonid Brezhnev, are strong-

ly and personally committed to the present policies of hostility against the other's country. In addition, he said, there is an unnatural fear of each country in the other.

The U.S. has profited most in the recent past from the changing Peking-Moscow-Washington relationships, he said. Despite the declared neutrality of the U.S. towards Sino-Soviet relations, Hinton said the evidence indicates the U.S. "tilts" toward China.

Western Europe and Japan also figure prominently in the triangular relationship with the main efforts by Peking and Moscow aimed at keeping these areas from becoming too friendly and cooperative with the other Communist capital, he said.

Nothing showed China's impotence in global big power politics more than the Middle East crisis, Hinton said, and it indicated clearly that Moscow was far more important than Peking in terms of the triangular relationships so far as Washington was concerned.

Hinton said Chinese propaganda and diplomatic activity during the height of the Middle East crisis was an exercise in futility. To describe China's position, he recited a well known doggerel:

When in confusion, when in doubt,
Run in circles, give Maoist shouts."

Peking accuses Soviet of Asian expansion plan

TOKYO (AP). — Peking charged yesterday that an Asian collective security system proposed by the Soviet Union is aimed at expanding its aggression "in the disguise of defending Asian security."

"The Soviet revisionist clique," the New China News Agency said, is trying to establish a system for their military expansion and gunboat policy.

New China said "many facts" show that the Soviet Union is trying to intensify expansion in Asia in order to contend with "another super power" it did not identify, for hegemony. If the Soviet Union really thinks of peace and security for Asia, the agency said, there are "many things" that it should do, such as:

- Withdraw its troops from border areas of China and Mongolia.
- Return to Japan four north-western Pacific islands the Soviet Union seized after World War II.
- Pull its naval forces out of the Indian and Pacific Oceans.
- Stop intervening in the domestic affairs of other countries.

Pakistani says Zionists oppose ties with U.S.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP). — Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, winding up the foreign affairs debate in the National Assembly on Friday, said that only the Zionist lobby in the U.S. was opposed to good relations with Pakistan.

He said this was because Pakistan was a friend of the Arab nations and the lobby did not want the U.S. to give the country arms.

The U.S. is currently imposing an arms embargo against Pakistan although Bhutto has made it clear that his government still hopes the matter will be open for discussion in future.

He said that during the regime of President Ayub Khan, former U.S. President Lyndon Johnson had told Pakistan that if it did not alter its relations with Communist China the U.S. would stop all military and non-military aid.

Bhutto said that as foreign minister he had advised Ayub Khan to reject these conditions and accept the consequences. But the U.S. policy had now changed and he now considered it the supreme interests of Pakistan to have good relations with the U.S.

Spain identifies six killers of Premier

MADRID. — The Spanish Government announced last night that the killers of Prime Minister Admiral Luis Carrero Blanco were six members of the Basque outlawed separatist organization Eta.

The announcement named the six and said they were being sought. Admiral Carrero Blanco was killed in a bomb blast in a Madrid street last Thursday.

Generalissimo Francisco Franco yesterday led Spain's military establishment and government in a memorial mass for his slain Prime Minister.

The 81-year-old Caudillo, looking drawn and tired, made a surprise appearance at the mass for the repose of Luis Carrero Blanco's soul.

Earlier, Franco presided at a swearing-in ceremony for three new members of the Council of the Realm — the body which will meet tomorrow to pick three names to present to Carrero as possible successors to Carrero.

Spain officially remained in mourning for its slain Prime Minister yesterday. But Christmas lights, darkened by the energy crisis, came on for the first time, and crowds were back in the streets.

Meanwhile, the trial of 10 underground labour leaders charged with

illicit association wound towards its end yesterday with the prosecution insisting on its demands for long prison sentences and the defence asking for full acquittal. The trial, which opened only hours after the Prime Minister was assassinated on Thursday, was expected to end last night. The verdicts and possible sentences will be communicated to the defendants sometime this week, court officials said.

Speculation has focused on who will replace Carrero Blanco as Premier. By most accounts, it will be Torcuato Fernandez Miranda, the vice-premier who automatically succeeded to the post until a final selection is made.

But in the confusion that still surrounds the assassination of Franco's longtime aide, new pressures already have surfaced. Rightist platforms came to the front at the funeral of Carrero Blanco on Friday. One banner said: "We need an authoritarian government." Another read: "Military men, the hour of the sword has come."

In the past, the man with the sword for this sector of political feeling has been Lt.-Gen. Carlos Arias Navarro, commander of the army's paramilitary Civil Guard.

(UPI, AP)

U.S. Congress fails to pass energy bill

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Congress abandoned efforts to pass an emergency energy bill yesterday and went ahead with plans to down until January 11.

With the House and Senate already deadlocked over the long windfall profits for 41 congressional leaders, Congress postponed further action until after a holiday recess.

The decision left Congress to a summer recess President N. to return and act on the energy bill, which has requests help him deal with fuel shortages.

Congress could also be called back into session before January by its own leaders.

There was considerable discussion of either House would have the quired quorum of 60 to pass. Many members had already gone home for Christmas when snarl developed late Friday early yesterday.

During the next month, various combinations of congressional leaders or President Nixon could be Congress to act on the energy legislation.

Chief Rabbinate of Israel APPEAL TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN ISRAEL AND THE DIASPORA

"It is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it" Jeremiah 30:7

FEARFUL DAYS, days of grief and suffering, have been Israel's lot since enemy forces, with tanks and planes, attacked our defence posts on the Golan Heights and our bankers at the Suez Canal, at the height of the holy Yom Kippur ritual, drenching Israel's borders with blood and fire, and a frenzy of murder and barbarity. The soldiers of Israel, standing before their Creator in fasting and prayer, with the aid of the Almighty, with their very bodies and the strength of their spirit, stopped the enemy columns of tanks and infantry, which were armed with sophisticated Russian weapons, and which posed to us as a flood, bent on destruction and evil, saying, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."

WERE IT NOT FOR THE ALMIGHTY, when all the Arab peoples rose up to destroy us, Israel would not have had the strength to withstand the onslaught; blessed is the Lord who saved us from them.

The wonders and miracles of the Almighty were revealed to all, at the height of the war and afterwards — by the grace of the Lord, in the course of a few days, we changed our role of the pursued to that of the pursuers, from humiliation to victory. We saved ourselves at the cost of much blood and many losses. More than two thousand heroes lost their lives, and thousands of fine men were injured in this bloody war, fighting with every ounce of strength they possessed. And even now, we stand ourselves in the face of difficult military and political confrontations, the results of which none can foresee.

THE YOM KIPPUR WAR CAN BE LIKENED TO A MORAL STOCK-TAKING — its beginning was anger and many dangers; its middle portion was achievement and victory; and at its end, we hope and pray for strength and peace.

At such a time, we must subject ourselves to a strict moral stock-taking, "To us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord." We must ask ourselves: On whose account and for what reason has this terrible judgement been applied to us? Perhaps we were guilty in the sight of heaven, at a time when we were drunk with victory after the Six Day War; perhaps we then thought that what we gained had been achieved with our own strength. Or perhaps the moral and social lowering of standards, civil hatred, and the throwing off of faith which have become widespread in our life, perhaps these have upset the special relations of the Jews with the Almighty, as it is written, "YE SHALL BE A PECULIAR TREASURE UNTO ME ABOVE ALL PEOPLE: FOR ALL THE EARTH IS MINE." Perhaps it was this that brought about a weakening of our spiritual superiority.

We have been warned about such a thing in our holy Torah: "WHEN THOU ART IN TRIBULATION, AND ALL THESE THINGS ARE COME UPON THEE, THEN, EVEN IN THE LATTER DAYS, IF THOU TURN TO THE LORD THY GOD AND SHALT BE OBEDIENT UNTO HIS VOICE." The very eminent Maimonides ¹ has stated our obligation to maintain faith in times of trial; he said: "And this is the way of repentance; when you are afflicted with troubles, you cry out and lament, but all know that troubles have been brought on you for your wrongdoing, as it is written 'Your iniquities have turned away these things.' And this is the means of ridding yourselves of troubles; but if you do not cry out and lament, but say 'This thing came on us because this is the way of the world, this misfortune happened by chance, — it would be ugly conduct, and you would sink down in your own iniquities.'"

In these stormy days, how much more does this apply! Surely it was the hand of the Lord that stirred up our hearts to devote ourselves to repentance. For did it not all happen in the middle of the great and awe inspiring Yom Kippur; to quote the immaculate language of Maimonides ², "That is the time for repentance for all, for the individual and for the many, it is the end of forgiveness and pardon for Israel."

BROTHERS AWAKE! Have regard for our souls, cease from civil strife. UNITE as one man for the sake of our people, our Torah, and our enemy-surrounded country. Put away civil hatred from your hearts; let every man help his companion and encourage his brother to be strong. Trust in the Creator of the world will be planted in your hearts: you will gain confidence that the word of the Lord, as spoken by His prophet, will be fulfilled: "Keep ye judgement, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed." Increase your observance of our holy Sabbath, and deepen in your hearts the three profound loves: Love of the Lord, Love of the Torah, and Love of Israel, its people and country.

As our Sages of blessed memory taught: Israel will not be redeemed until it becomes one community, as it is written, "In those days, the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers."

And it is a fundamental principle of our faith that, when we are on the road to redemption, there is no going back. As our Sages of blessed memory said in Midrash Shohar Tov: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help, as David sang in a Song of Degrees. Since you have allowed us to ascend, we shall not descend; since you have saved us from the rule of Esau, we shall not return to oppression; as it is written, "And saviours shall come up on Mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's."

And regarding the peace conference between Israel and her neighbours, which is about to start, we would say: remember the words of prophecy of Joel, "FOR, BEHOLD, IN THOSE DAYS, AND IN THAT TIME, WHEN I SHALL BRING AGAIN THE CAPTIVITY OF JUDAH AND JERUSALEM, I WILL BRING THEM DOWN INTO THE VALLEY OF JEROSHAPHAT, AND WILL PLEAD WITH THEM THERE FOR MY PEOPLE AND FOR MY HERITAGE ISRAEL, WHOM THEY HAVE SCATTERED AMONG THE NATIONS, AND PARTED MY LAND."

And all people, from wherever they come, should know that the Jewish people has been promised the Holy Land by the Almighty and the prophets from time immemorial, and this covenant between Israel and her homeland will never be broken.

To the representatives of Israel at the Conference, we would say BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE; may the Lord of our people defend his righteousness and with strength our age-long rights to our surrounding country, and Judah will be in Jerusalem forever. The Lord who dwells on high will put wise counsel into the mouths of those attending the Conference, in order that security and peace be brought to our borders, "And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

DEAR BROTHERS! Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: your God will come and save you. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. There will be peace in our land, a just, honourable and durable peace, as it is written, "The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace."

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THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

LIGHT CLASSICAL MUSIC SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 1

Conductor: GARY BERTINI
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TEL AVIV, Mann Auditorium, Tonight, Sunday, 23.12.73

Programme:

BIZET, *Symphony in G major*
FRANCK, *Symphonic Variations, for piano and orchestra*
RAVEL, *"Pavane pour une infante défunte"*
DEBUSSY, *Petite Suite*
BERLIOZ, *"Benvenuto Cellini: Overture"*

Limited number of tickets for sale at the IPO Office, Mann Auditorium (entrance from Rehov Dizengoff) 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; 4-6 p.m. and on the evening of the concert at the Box Office.

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 5

Conductor: PETER MAAG
Soloist: JANOS STARKER, cello

TEL AVIV, Mann Auditorium, SERIES 5, Sat., 5.1.74
SERIES 1, Wed., 26.12.73
SERIES 2, Sat., 29.12.73
SERIES 3, Sun., 30.12.73
SERIES 4, Mon., 31.12.73

JERUSALEM, Binyamin Ha'ooma
SERIES 1, Sun., 6.1.74

ELIN GEV, KINNEROT, Esco Music Centre SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 1

Conductor: PETER MAAG
Soloist: JANOS STARKER, cello

Thursday, 27.12.73 at 9.00 p.m.

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SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 3

Soloist: JANOS STARKER, cello

SERIES 1, Tues., 1.1.74
SERIES 2, Wed., 2.1.74
SERIES 3, Thurs., 3.1.74

All subscription concerts in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa begin at 7.30 p.m.

MOADON HAOLEH, JERUSALEM

SEMINARS FOR OLIM

WAR AND THE AFTERMATH — in English
Wednesday, December 26
8.30 p.m.
THE POLITICAL SITUATION
Jerusalem Post Panel
Philip Gilson, moderator
Panel: Erwin Frankel, Moshe Kohn, Yacov Benel



BAT-DOR DANCE COMPANY

Jerusalem, "Jerusalem Theatre"

Thurs., Dec. 27, 8.30 p.m.

Tickets: Cahana, Tel. 222831

Tel Aviv "Bat-Dor" Theatre

Fri., Jan. 4, 1974, 2.00 p.m.

Tickets: Bat-Dor Offices, 30 Rehov Ibn Gvirol, Tel Aviv, Tel. 263175 and all ticket offices.

BAR- AND BAT-MITZVA EDUCATION

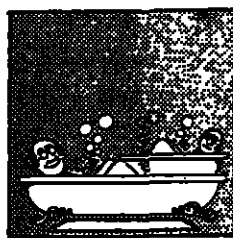
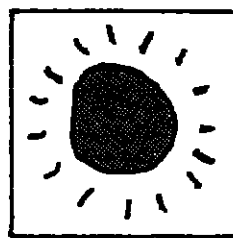
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- Tora and Haftora Cantillation (Trop)
- Important ideas and ideals of Judaism
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Weekly classes will be conducted by Hazan Dan Ziff and Rabbi Joshua Stampfer beginning Wednesday, January 2, at 4.00 p.m. at the Centre, 2 Rehov Agnon (corner Rehov Keren Hayesod). Tuition: IL100

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Israel Broadcasting Authority

In cooperation with the Cahana theatre ticket agency
KHAN, Sunday, December 23 at 8.30 p.m.

2 CONTRASTS

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JAZZ IMPROVISATIONS: Italian Serenade

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Special stand of items that have won prizes in product-design competitions

The Bazaar will be open from December 22-26.

Opening hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

The exhibition will contain a wide variety of selection of household ware, bedding, carpets, flower pots, ceramic items, glass, clothing and footwear, artistic items and furniture.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED

OPEN LETTER

to American and Israeli "Diplomats"

RE:

UMBRELLAS FOR Dr. HENRY KISSINGER AND AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC APPEASERS.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO AMERICA'S MEDITERRANEAN FLEET, WHEN RUSSIA CONTROLS SUZ??

Once again Chamberlain's umbrella has replaced Teddy Roosevelt's "big stick" policy. Kissinger with his "soft voice" becomes all ears in the presence of Russia and the Arabs, willing obediently to impose their RUSSO-ARAB WITTEDRAWAL SCHEME ON ISRAEL, via Joe Sisco, Hermann F. Bittis and other Arabists in our U.S. State Department who disregard the lessons of history. WHAT DOES THIS APPEASEMENT MEAN TO ISRAEL, AND THE FUTURE OF AMERICA? The redoubtable Napoleon said that "He who controls the Mideast-Suez area—the soft under-belly of Europe—will control the world." Russia's Czar, Peter The Great, also believed this truism, so Turkey was pressured into opening the Dardanelles to the Russian fleet giving them access to the Mediterranean. Because of Britain's control of Gibraltar, Russia needed control of the Suez Canal, her outlet to the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean.

Not unlike Napoleon who sought to RE-establish the Jewish State in 1790, Russia actively supported Israel's re-establishment in 1947, primarily to implement her Mideast policy, which she did not wish to entrust to the Arabs.

Khrushchev, in anticipation of Israel's assistance, boasted "we shall bury you." Russian hegemony in the Persian Gulf will mean that Western Europe will be victimized by Russian control of Mideast oil and shipping routes. But Israel refused to be used as a tool in Russia's Machiavellian schemes, so Russia quickly turned her "affection" to the Arabs.

Without firing one atomic missile, Russia will keep Khrushchev's promise with the Arabs' help; while the Arabists in our State Department reward Israel, our only ally in the Mideast, with repeated punishment in the form of U.N. condemnation resolutions, "even-handed" "Rogers" withdrawal (surrender) schemes," etc.

The weakening or removal of Israel from the Sinai proved to be a disaster in 1956, when Richard Nixon was Vice-President, Rogers was Attorney-General and John Foster Dulles was Secretary of State. "Those who refuse to learn from their mistakes, are bound to repeat them," unfortunately at Israel's expense.

Hitler promised that the Sudetenland was his last territorial demand; Libya's Gaddafi at first merely wanted to increase Libya's oil revenues; Russia moved into Czechoslovakia and other countries merely to protect them. However, the ex-papahanger moved towards world conquest after Munich; after the murder of the SIX MILLION and millions of others. The Hun was barely defeated. He came in second in the atomic race. Great Britain was reduced to a second rate power with a discredited currency.

Russia's ruble worthless in 1935, is, in 1973, worth more than the once proud U.S. dollar. When Russia controls the Suez Canal, we will be regaled with another disaster, painted as a triumph. Kissinger and our other politicians will describe it as a master stroke guaranteeing "peace for our children." Again, as after Munich, we will pay a heavy price for our politicians' APPEASEMENT. WHAT CAN YOU DO TO WAKE UP AMERICA?

Am. Ed. League for a Secure Israel
Sol. A. Daan, Chairman
Nov. 17, 1973

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Order concerning traffic restrictions, parking and traffic arrangements in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Beit Sahur over Christmas 1973

Under the powers vested in me by law, I hereby order as follows: From 6.30 a.m. on Monday, December 24, 1973, until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 25, the following restrictions will apply to traffic and parking, in the places and during the times indicated below:

BETHLEHEM

1. Traffic Restrictions

Entry to Bethlehem will be allowed only to those with an invitation and windshield parking sticker. Drivers with no parking sticker will be directed by the police, on entering the restricted zone.

a. Parking Prohibition

1. The Beit Jala road will be closed to traffic.
2. The Beit Sahur road will be closed to traffic.
3. The new road, Beit Sahur-Zur Baher, will be one-way in the direction from Beit Sahur to Zur Baher.

b. Parking Limitation

Parking prohibitions will be in force in Bethlehem, as directed by the police.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT/SPECIAL JOURNEYS

a. Buses

1. Tourists in organized groups — Parking Sticker 2 — will continue to Bethlehem from the Rachel's Tomb junction, and will be directed by the police to a parking area.
2. Special Service from Jerusalem between 5.30 and 18 p.m. — Parking Sticker 3.

Exit 1. From the by-bay in Rehov Agnon (opposite Super-Sol) to Bethlehem — the police will give directions to the parking area.

Exit 2. From St. George Street, near the St. George Hotel — the police will give directions to the parking area.

Regular Service to Bethlehem — Parking Sticker 4.

From the Egged Central Bus Station to Bethlehem: pick-up points at the Ein Rogel junction on the Hebron road, and at Rachel's Tomb.

East Jerusalem Bus Service — Parking Sticker 5.

From the Damascus Gate Bus Station to the Bethlehem Cinema.

Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Transport Services.

These will run until 3 a.m. on December 25.

b. Taxis

Local Taxi Services — Parking Sticker 5.

From the Jaffa Gate to Bethlehem: pick-up point in the Wadi Meiri road, south side of Manger Square.

GENERAL

a. During the above restrictions, traffic will not be allowed on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road, and traffic will be directed along the following route: Beit Sahur — Abu Dis — Jerusalem; and on the new road: Beit Sahur-Zur Baher towards Jerusalem, only.

b. Residents of Bethlehem, Beit Sahur and Beit Jala will be able to leave and return to their homes in cars bearing a special sticker up to 4 p.m. after which they will have to travel by public transport (bus or taxi).

M. BATELAI

Controller of Road Transport
Jerusalem and Samaria Districts

Iriyat Tel Aviv-Yafo

From Sunday, December 23, 1973, Iriyat Tel Aviv-Yafo is maintaining an

ADVICE BUREAU FOR THE DIRECTION AND ASSISTANCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING THE ARMY

The purpose of the bureau is to provide in one place to young people who are released from the army, or from a long period of reserve service, all information on all subjects relevant to their return to civilian life, and to give them on-the-spot advice regarding applications to ministries, institutions, and other bodies, and to prevent waste of their time and shoe leather. The Bureau will also provide a direct service in areas coming within the province of the Municipality, and will give advice and a first opinion on personal problems.

The Bureau will operate in the following fields —

- Information and direction for the housing schemes for young people (purchase and renting schemes of the Municipality, the Government, and other bodies).
- Direction for the continuation of studies at all levels (completion of secondary education, "broadening" of education by various courses, and courses at universities and colleges).
- Social welfare (to those entitled to assistance, and to those in need of it).
- Direction to vocational education and employment.
- Direction to employment in agricultural settlement.
- Giving first legal opinions on special problems.
- Psychology service and psychosomatic testing.
- Direction to the health services.

The Bureau is at 5a Rehov Bograshov, Tel Aviv; Tel. 246378.

The Bureau will open on December 23, and will be open between 3 and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

Yehoshua Rabinowitz
Mayor, Tel Aviv-Yafo

This week at the Tel Aviv Museum

EXHIBITIONS

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Helena Rubinstein Pavilion: Graphic Art in Israel Today.
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Open: Sunday to Thursday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

LECTURE

Tue. Dec. 25 at 8.30 p.m.
Introductory Lecture to the Subscription Series on Contemporary Art. Prof. Meche BARASH (Head of the Institute of Fine and Performing Arts — Hebrew University, Jerusalem) will speak on "Problems in Modern Art." (All the Subscription Tickets for this series have been sold.)

FILMS

Sun. Dec. 23 at 11 a.m.: "Dickens' 'David Copperfield' (1970)
Mon. Dec. 24 at 4 p.m.: "Dickens' 'Oliver Twist' (1948)
Tue. Dec. 25 at 11 a.m.: Jules Verne's: "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" (1960)
Wed. Dec. 26 at 11 a.m.: "Dickens' 'Great Expectations' (1968)
Thu. Dec. 27 at 4 p.m.: "Dickens' 'Bleakberry Finn' (1960)
Fri. Dec. 28 at 11 a.m.: Pearl Buck's: "Dragon Seed" (1944)
Tue. Dec. 25 at 7 p.m.: CLEOPATRA (USA 1963) — Director: Joseph Leo Mankiewicz with Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, Rex Harrison

CONCERT (in cooperation with the Tel Aviv Municipality)
Sat. Dec. 29 at 7 p.m.
"BACH AND BAROQUE MUSIC". A Bach Evening presented by Michael Malsky (cello) and Valery Malsky (harpsichord) — Suites No. 1 and No. 2 for cello solo, Sonatas No. 2 and No. 3 for cello and harpsichord.

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Payment of the second instalment on subscriptions begin today, Sunday, 23.12.73 until Thursday, 10.1.74.

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TEL AVIV: IPO Offices, entrance from Rehov Dizengoff, or by mail to P.O.B. 11292.

JERUSALEM: IPO Office at Cahana Agency, Kikar Zion, or by mail to P.O.B. 815.

Renewal from Sunday — Thursday, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

American Professors for Peace in the Middle East Open Forum

Professors from the U.S.A. currently participating in a two-week study mission in Israel will present their report to the English-speaking public:

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he opened his 24-hour
formation service. Now,
Lorraine Isaacs, who
involved in Soviet
s, he ties together all
of his large network of

tool of the operation is
distance telephone call
Britain. Jews interested
of Soviet Jewry dip

own pockets each week
through to Soviet Jews,
then about their situa-
news about their ef-

exit visas, and to find
s of their friends and
has "twinned" towns in
towns in the USSR
are responsible for con-

One of the cardinal rules followed

facts with Jews in Moscow; similarly,
Manchester is linked with Leningrad;
Glasgow with Novosibirsk, and so on.
In this way, the bulletin is kept in
touch with towns all over the USSR.
Initially, the KGB is aware of what
what is going on, but have found
that despite their periodic efforts
to stop this evasion of censorship
by cutting off the phones of Jewish
activists, the news still gets out.
This is achieved because of the
close inter-communal links of the
Soviet Jews; and as soon as one
phone is cut off, another phone is
brought into operation.

This is accompanied by unfailing
persistence by the callers in Bri-
tain, who keep trying to get through
even when they are told phones are
temporarily out of order. They also
embarrass the Soviet authorities by
complaining to their local members
of Parliament and to the Post office
about interference with legitimate
phone calls. The KGB have had
their hands full.

One of the most intense efforts
by the Soviet authorities to cripple
the information service was made
this year, during the early stages
of the case against Alexander Feld-
man, in Kiev. Practically every tele-
phone in the town was disconnected,
but still the information got out,
sometimes by people travelling to
other towns to get to a phone.

One of the cardinal rules followed

by Colin Shindler is that all facts
must be checked. If there is a re-
port of an arrest of a Soviet Jew,
and this comes from only one
source, Colin calls up one of his
local people and asks them to phone
their contacts in the town in ques-
tion to check the truth of the re-
port.

The information gathered by the
callers in Britain is immediately
passed on to Colin Shindler's office
by phone, especially if it is of im-
mediate importance, such as harass-
ments or arrests of Soviet Jews;
otherwise, it is submitted in written
reports. Shindler combines these re-
ports with the news he receives from
letters written by recent Soviet im-
migrants to Israel who are in con-
tact both with their relatives and
friends in the USSR, and with the
Soviet Jewry Movement in Britain.

Even though the bulletin restricts
itself to news about the Jews, it cir-
culates widely in Western news-
papers and serves as an additional
source of information on the USSR.
The important role which the
bulletin plays has been demon-
strated by the fact that its weekly
circulation of 2,000 copies reaches
virtually every place in the world
where there is an interest in Soviet
Jewry.

Another tribute to the importance
and reliability of the bulletin is that
the Soviet Embassy in London is

among the places it is read. When
a Soviet diplomat addressed a Jew-
ish solidarity group in England re-
cently, people were intrigued to
notice a copy of the bulletin stick-
ing out of his pocket.

I was deputized as editor of the
bulletin while Colin Shindler was
out of the country for six months,
and I now have even greater ad-
miration for the way he has re-
sisted pressures from both left and
right to politicize the paper, and
from publicity-seeking individuals,
here and elsewhere.

The absence of policies, propa-
ganda and personalities makes the
bulletin all the more con-
vincing and hair-raising. Future his-
torians will be tremendously grate-
ful for this objective chronicle of
the Jewish emigration movement
in the USSR.

They will also be able to avail
themselves of the most detailed in-
formation of Jews in prison in the
USSR, as Colin has now produced
a 35-page booklet on the "Prison-
ers of Zion." In addition to full de-
tails on the prisoners themselves,
including the camp addresses, it
also has a map of the Potma Pri-
son Camp complex, and chapters
on the early and latest trials. The
booklet covers conditions in these
prison camps, as well as the wider
subjects of detente and the repres-
sion of the Soviet dissidents.



A cartoon by Dosh in The Jeru-
salem Post, showing Israel smiling
at a Dutch tulip flowering in a
presumably European rubbish
heap, inspired Mr. and Mrs. Wim
Van Leer of Haifa to get the
cartoonist's permission to print it
on 20,000 postcards, to be mailed
to friends of Israel in Holland as a
gesture of appreciation.
The Van Leers are sending the
cards to various municipalities
that are sister towns of places in
Holland, giving several thousand
cards to schools and 5,000 to the
Tel Aviv Soldiers' Welfare Asso-
ciation. The card will be on sale
for 50 agorot, all proceeds going
to Soldiers' Welfare. The cards can
be obtained at Beit Hayal in Tel
Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa, or by
writing to L. Van Leer at 25
Panorama Ed., Haifa, for infor-
mation. An additional printing is
envisaged.



"Israel wants to live" reads the text of a Dutch poster by Otto
Treumann. The bottom line reads "United Jewish Appeal, postal
account 23434."

The poster, distributed throughout the Netherlands to promote
goodwill and to collect money for Israel, was produced without
cost. The poster artist, papermaker, and printer all contributed
their services.

The artist and his wife sent a copy to friends in Israel: "We
send it to you as a token of the Dutch support to Israel's strug-
gle and to prove that you are not alone."

Otto Treumann has earned an international reputation as a
graphic artist of the first rank. In 1970, he received the David
Bohl Award of the Prince Bernhard Fund in recognition of his
achievements in the art of poster designing. In Israel, he is
known as the co-designer with George Min of the El Al
symbol, and for his work as a consultant to the Bezalel Academy
of Art and Design. Last spring, for the second time, he served
as a member of the jury which selected the prize-winning books
in the Israel Museum International Art Book Contest.

Memoriam: Zadok Matzlavi

ed in a traffic accident
the dangers of the
perhaps the most cruel
is all the more painful
tim is a most able and
young man.

Matzlavi, though one of
was at the same time
most experienced men on
The Jerusalem Post

rest hopes were held out
Bora in Iraq in 1945,
Israel as a boy in 1951.

ing the printer's craft,
he began working as
editor, but later assisted

in over to photo-offset
a skilled graphic artist
regarded with affection

whom he came in con-



tact because of his patience and
comradely qualities.

He is survived by his parents, five
sisters and a brother. A.Z.

Holocaust pension appeal allowed

The Supreme Court allowed an
appeal against a judgment of the
Tel Aviv District Court delivered on
February 4, 1973 (in C.C. 1483/72).

Under an agreement with Western
Germany concerning reparations, the
Israel Government undertook to pay
pensions to persons who had been
invalidated during the Holocaust. As
a result of this agreement the In-
valids (Nazi Persecution) Law was
enacted in 1957. It originally con-
tained a provision, in section 3(3),
to the effect that an invalid would be
entitled to a pension only if he had
not received and was not entitled
to receive, any pension or other com-
pensation from any other source.

But when it became apparent to
the Israel Government that Holo-
caust invalids were entitled to re-
ceive pensions from West Germany
even though they already received
pensions from Israel, the Govern-
ment encouraged invalids to apply
to the West German authorities for
pensions; but at the same time,
amended section 3 of the Law to
read as follows:

3A. (a) Where an invalid is en-
titled to a pension under this Law,
and to an invalidity pension from
any other source, there shall be de-
ducted from his pension under this
Law an amount equal to the amount
of pension payable for the same
month from the other source...

3B. The following shall apply in
the case of an invalid entitled to a
pension under this Law, who... be-
came entitled to a gratuity from
any other source: (1) The invalid
shall pay to the Treasury an amount
equal to 75 per cent of the gratuity,
or an amount equal to the total
amount of pension under this Law
to which he became entitled, up to
the day on which his right to the
gratuity was confirmed... whichever
is the smaller amount.

The provisions of sections 3A and
3B were made retroactive to 1957.
The appellant, a survivor of the
Nazi Holocaust, submitted a claim
to the State under the Invalids
(Nazi Persecution) Law, 1957, and
was granted a monthly pension. In
1970, however, after applying to the
West German Government for a
pension, she was granted a lump
sum in compensation for her suffer-
ing in the Holocaust up to March,
1970, and from then onwards was
granted a monthly pension. As this
monthly pension exceeded what she
had been getting from the Israel
Government, she later stopped her
pension. The Government demanded
in addition, however, that she re-
turn all the pension money she had
already received from it. When she
refused to do so, they sued her in
the Tel Aviv District Court and won
their suit.

The appellant thereupon appealed
to the Supreme Court.

Dr. M. Sarna appeared for the
appellant and Mr. E. Eliaz, T.A.
Deputy District Attorney, for the
State.

Judgment

Justice Cohn, who delivered the
first opinion of the Supreme Court,
first considered the question of
whether the appellant was bound to
repay the State what she had re-
ceived from it because of the quasi-
contractual doctrine of "unjust en-
richment." In deciding this question
in the negative, he held that the
law is that a payment made on the
basis of a law which was valid at
the time, and which was not ac-
tracted by any fraud or misrepresen-
tation on the part of the payee,
need not be returned, even if it
should transpire subsequently that
the law had been incorrectly con-

strued (see Restatement of the Law
of Restitution, par. 45 and 55 and
Friedman on the Doctrine of Unjust
Enrichment, par. 152). All the more
so is this the case, he continued,
when the payment is based on a
law which has been properly con-
strued (as in the present case) and
has not been erroneously made. In
other words, in the absence of any
error, no restitution is called for,
unless the legislature expressly pro-
vides otherwise (see also C.A. 292/
68, 1 p.d. 23/614).

Justice Cohn then went on to con-
sider the State's main argument:
that section 3A of the Invalids (Nazi
Persecution) Law, as amended in
1969, entitled it to restitution of the
pension it had paid the appellant
in dismissing it, he noted that the
appellant had received a monthly
pension from the State within the
meaning of section 3A(a), whereas
the German authorities had given her
a lump sum as compensation for the
harm she had suffered up to March
1970, and only from then on had
granted her a monthly pension. The
lump sum, however, he continued,
was, contrary to the District
Court's opinion, not deductible under
section 3A(a), from the pension
which the State had given the ap-
pellant, as it was not "a periodical
payment" and therefore not a "pen-
sion" within the meaning of the de-
finition. Nor was it deductible under
section 3B(1), as it was not a non-
recurrent payment other than a pay-
ment representing amounts of pen-
sion accumulated in the past, and
was therefore not a "gratuity" with-
in the meaning of the definition. So
that, in short, the lump sum paid
to the appellant by the West Ger-
man authorities, in lieu of the pen-
sion which had accumulated to her
in the past, was not deductible
from the pension money which she
had received from the State, and
her appeal should, therefore, be al-
lowed.

He was prepared, continued Jus-
tice Cohn, to allow the appeal also
on the grounds of the appellant's
argument, that is, that where the
legislature had intended the invalid
to pay the Treasury money received
from some other source, they had
said so expressly and clearly. And
if, therefore, they had wished an
invalid who had received a one-time
lump payment in lieu of accumulat-
ed bank pension to pay all, or part,
of this sum to the Treasury, they
would have said so expressly and
clearly.

In conclusion, Justice Cohn held
that the latest amendment of the
Invalids Law, enacted after he had
written his opinion, which changed
the definition of "gratuity" to in-
clude, a payment representing
amounts of pension accumulated in
the past, does not apply to the case
under consideration, as this amend-
ment also provides that any benefits
to which an invalid had been enti-
tled before it came into force should
not be reduced or terminated be-
cause of the amendment.

Justice Witkon concurred with
Justice Cohn that the appeal should
be allowed on the grounds argued
by the appellant, and preferred to
leave Justice Cohn's alternative rea-
son for allowing the appeal for con-
sideration at some future opportune
occasion.
Justice Sussman, after explaining
the background to the Invalids (Nazi
Persecution) Law and its amend-
ments, first considered the question
of how the lump sum received by
the appellant as compensation from
the West German authorities should
be defined. He agreed, he said, with
the District Court, that it should be
defined as a "pension" and not as
a "gratuity." For it was clear from
the evidence, that the German au-
thorities had intended paying the ap-
pellant a monthly pension and only
because of the protracted negotia-
tions had these payments been de-
layed and allowed to accumulate.
However, continued Justice Sus-
sman, this accumulated pension was
not deductible under section 3A(a)
as a study of this section reveals
that it allows only for deductions
of future pension payments and
not for past pensions.

Turning next to the effect which
the new amendment of 1973 has
on the present case, Justice Sussman
held that under the new definition
of "gratuity," the lump sum paid to
the appellant would be a gratuity,
but that 75 per cent of this gratuity
was nevertheless not payable to the
Treasury because of the proviso in
the amended law to the effect that
an invalid should not be deprived
of any benefits which had accrued
to him under the old law — as had
the benefit of not paying the Treas-
ury anything in the appellant's case.

The appeal should, therefore, be
allowed, concluded Justice Sussman.
Appeal allowed with IL2,000 costs.
Judgment given on November 22,
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Economic emergency declared in Japan

THE Japanese government yesterday proclaimed a state of economic emergency for a national effort to overcome the oil crisis and avert inflation.

The government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, announced the emergency on Friday.

The emergency powers will allow the government to restrict the supply and use of oil, to control the price of oil, and to restrict the use of oil in industry and in private homes.

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For rescuing two infants from a burning flat in Jerusalem's Rehov Sarona last month, 12-year-old Ezer Avraham gets a police album from the Capital's Police Chief, Heinz Brotenfeld. Ezer climbed up to the third story of a burning house and brought out the children, whose parents were away at the time.

IL53,521 IN TOY FUND

On way to a record

The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund is well on its way to a record this time. This is our 25th drive and we are delighted that our readers have been so responsive, enabling us to make so many more children happy at Hanukkah.

Friday's contributions came to IL5,350.40, bringing the total so far to IL53,521. Five more "book-boxes" for the front-line soldiers have been earmarked, bringing the total to 56 so far. Only 44 to go to make up our promised 100.

"We, the wartime volunteers of Kibbutz Be'eri," writes Eric Newland, "in a gesture of peace and hope for the New Year - donate IL358 to The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund." A very nice gesture indeed.

Friday's contributions include:

- IL388 Members of the Elmont Jewish Center, Elmont, N.Y.
- IL448 Danish Interiors (Israel) Ltd., The Staff of Danish Interiors (Israel) Ltd., Tel Aviv.
- IL358 From the wartime volunteers of Kibbutz Be'eri.
- IL255 In the name of Rachel Tavin Fox from her grandparents Charles & Sue Fox, Bayville, New York.
- IL238 In honour of our son Herzl of Kibbutz Geshar Hazvi, who is now serving in the army. Gertrude & Harry Doherty, Sydney, Australia (for the book-boxes). H.S. Lishgott (for the book-boxes). From Gil Yehuda Melamed (for the book-boxes). Sayona.
- IL25 Mr. & Mrs. M. Shadur, Nyon, Switzerland - from our grandchildren in Israel and the U.S.A. Ted & Irene Straus, Silver Spring, Md. R.B. Gamme, New York - in memory of my mother, Bertha Gamme of Holyoke, Mass. Margalit and Inor Shtrauch of Kibbutz Barkai.
- IL100 Sonal Israel Limited, Haifa, N.N., Jerusalem (for the book-boxes).
- IL50 Marian Pusch, Haifa - in honour of my father Mr. George Kesel's birthday.
- IL38 Irving and Ruth Lasben, Hempstead, N.Y.
- IL75 Eyal Brith the Women's Section of the Ethel Lodge 3, Haifa.
- IL18 Eyal and Rona, New York.
- IL650 Gale Sanders, Jerusalem - in memory of the soldiers who gave their lives during the Yom Kippur War (for the book-boxes).
- IL15 Stanford M. Levin, Arlington, Virginia.
- IL50 In memory of J.O. from K.O. Dov E. Hoffman, Yahud - in honour of the 27th wedding anniversary of Leah and Max Hoffman of Southfield, Mich. Lival, Kibbutz Tivon, Eyal & René Loewenson, Kfar Bialik (for the book-boxes).
- The Viskin Family - to honour the wedding anniversary of our friends Dr. Jorge and Pola Strygar, Dr. & Mrs. J. Weiss, Jerusalem. To Sharon, Lily and Aron from the Sella of the grandchildren, Geste Loewenson, Tel Aviv.
- IL45 Mrs. Nadia Dreisin, London (for the book-boxes).
- IL18 Rabbi Stanley Steinhardt's Special Fund, Jericho, N.Y.
- IL48 To Daniel and Miryam Lazar, Paris from Anne Emmanuel, M.E. - in memory of Irene Catrivas, Jerusalem.
- IL56 From Esther Barag, Ramat Aviv.

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Carless days should ease road congestion — Peres

A further justification for the carless day is that it will ease congestion on the roads, Transport Minister Shimon Peres said in a radio interview on Friday night.

He said that in October, the month of the war, some 2,000 new cars were acquired in this country, and even more in November. This at a time when the building of new roads has come to a virtual standstill for lack of funds and manpower because of the emergency, he said.

Asked if the carless day would not place too great a burden on public transportation, already severely curtailed, Mr. Peres said he estimated that each day about 40,000-50,000 additional persons would be using buses and trains instead of cars. This represented a two percent increase in passengers, "an insignificant increase in comparison with the savings gained by the carless day," he said.

The Minister said the carless day should save some 50,000 tons of fuel a year — IL21m. at current prices. "But we already know that the prices of fuel will go up three and four-fold, so the savings will amount to IL60m.-IL80m., when we pay the real price."

He pointed out that conservation of spare parts and tires would also save millions in foreign currency.

The Minister said, however, that he was opposed to the introduction of a second carless day in the week.

2,000 Technion students sign up for courses

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Close to 2,000 of the Technion's nearly 6,000 undergraduates have registered for the "selected courses" (about one fifth of the courses in the catalogue) that begin today, the Technion spokesman said on Friday. Several hundred of these students, who are still on active duty, will take the "guided study" option, which will enable them to study both on the campus and off it, in their units, with printed material they will receive by post.

The Technion's full school year is to start on February 17, with two semesters of three months each. The first semester will run from February 17 to May 17 and the second from June 16 to September 13.

The Technion, which is over 90 per cent male, has been especially affected by the widespread mobilization. It will make special efforts to accommodate the men on active duty, and soldiers on leave will be able to join *ad hoc* groups on their own level, for intensive studies during their furloughs.

Feminine touch saves petrol

LONDON (AP). — If you want to save petrol, let your wife do the driving. That's the verdict of a survey carried out by the British Automobile Association and announced on Friday by British Petroleum Ltd.

The association's survey showed that a wife got 23 more kilometres from a tankful of gas than her husband over a test run.

Geoffrey Sheppard, BP's retail manager, said: "It just proved what we've often surmised — that a woman's gentle touch on the controls can make all the difference when it comes to making a gallon of petrol go further."

Pollution danger from stranded Greek freighter

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The master of the stranded Greek freighter ss. Elizabet has warned that the ship may pollute the Kiryat Haim beach if she is not salvaged immediately. She ran aground on the beach last Monday.

Telegrams to the authorities (with a copy to The Jerusalem Post), he said the ship carried 300 tons of fuel in tanks, which might seep and cause widespread pollution of the sea and the beach.

He stressed that as the port management refused to carry out the salvage, it would be responsible for any pollution which occurred. The management has declined the salvage job, stating that the tugs which would do the job are needed in the port during the winter season.

The shipping and harbour division of the Transport Ministry replied that the ship's agents should immediately unload the fuel to prevent pollution. This could be done by lighters, which were available in the port, it said.

Two local companies, Ogen and Hercules-Snapir have undertaken to carry out the salvage job. The work is to start today and is expected to last a week to 10 days. The contract was signed on a "no cure, no pay" basis, that is they will be paid only if the salvage succeeds.

Four killed by gambling loser

TORQUAY, England (AP). — A man apparently driven to fury by gambling losses killed four persons and tried to stab himself to death, police said yesterday.

His victims were a policeman, a girl croupier at a gaming club, the club's manager and the owner of a local hotel.

U.S. oil crisis not as bad as predicted

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. Treasury Secretary George Shultz said Friday the energy crisis does not look as bad for the U.S. now as it did several weeks ago, in part because weather has been mild and people have been conserving fuel.

He said government forecasts of a shortage of 17 per cent of petroleum needs early next year were based on the worst possible situation. "The figures now suggest the problem is more manageable than the figures we were looking at three weeks ago," Shultz said.

Kiryat Arba, the Jewish quarter of Hebron, has been given a mobile telephone exchange. The Swiss-made exchange with 900 lines cost IL2.5m.

Street up and down

investors await news

RE (AP). — Prices on the New York Stock Market drifted down last week as investors waited for more information on the energy shortage and the easing of the Arab oil embargo.

The Jones average of 30 stocks finished the week at 2,312.00, a gain of 1.88 points. This was a gain of 1.88 points, or 0.08 per cent, from 2,310.12. Weekly volume dropped to 89.25 million shares from 95.01 million shares the week before. The broad-based Stock Exchange Index gained 0.06 points to 49.68.

American Stock Exchange

Johnny Weismuller is seriously ill

AS, Nevada (AP). — Johnny Weismuller, 69, onetime swimming champion and actor, was reported in serious condition yesterday in a hospital here, after suffering a heart ailment while on a tour of the Nevada coast.

Guerrillas to free kidnapped Argentine colonel

BUENOS AIRES (Reuter). — Marxist guerrillas who kidnapped an army colonel 44 days ago to put him on trial for "cooperating with the United States in repressing the Argentine people," have pledged he will be freed before the new year.

They gave the news in a communiqué on Friday night after allowing the wife of the officer, 50-year-old Colonel Florencio Crespo, to visit him in a so-called "People's prison" somewhere in the River Plate port of La Plata. The colonel was captured there last November 8.

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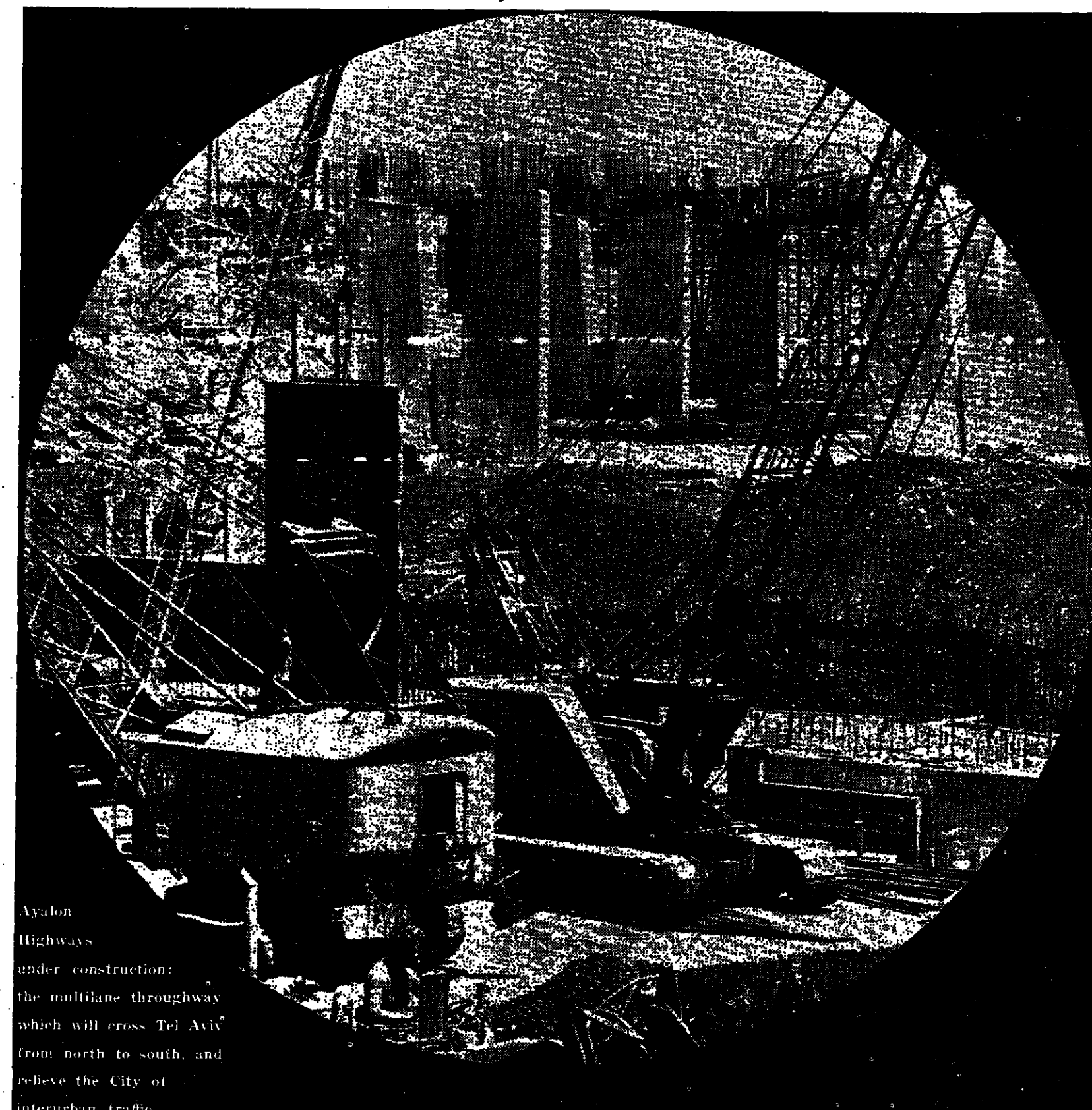
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BEGINNING OF WISDOM

IF we do not set our sights too high we can be modestly satisfied with the first days of the Geneva Conference, now officially termed a "Peace Conference" by the U.N. It was convened, the parties accepted their invitations, except for Syria, and the first session opened despite a serious last-moment procedural hitch.

U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger, in a neat speech that deserves careful study, set out the essential problem that the sides have different aims, but that these are not necessarily irreconcilable. He did not spell this out and say that while we would like peace, secure borders and recognition, the Arabs would like, best of all, that Israel should disappear in a great clap of thunder.

In his speech, in fact, he appeared to have fallen victim to an important element in the Arab misinformation and propaganda of the past few years: that the sole or main cause of tension in the Middle East is the 1967 occupation of Arab territory by Israel in the course of war. In that case, why did Nasser mass troops in Sinai in early 1967? Why did he promise the Arab world to throw us into the sea while we lived in the earlier borders? Does memory not carry back to this period? Is Israel occupation of Sinai the main obstacle to peace, and Israel withdrawal really the first and chief element of cure?

There is an inherent danger in giving support to untruths, even with the desire to create a climate of cooperation. To this extent, there are dangers in the conference as well as promise. We could find ourselves making

all the concessions and in the end receiving nothing in the way of permanent security in return.

This is certainly not Dr. Kissinger's intention and it does not even appear to be that of the Soviet Union, for Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko linked the need for a reduction of tension in the Middle East with the survival of the detente between the superpowers, which is close to his heart. The single small step of real progress is that both sides speakers said, almost in passing, that any solution to be viable must be acceptable to the parties concerned. That still produces no easy solutions, but it is the beginning of wisdom — not only for the super-powers but also for ourselves and the Arab states.

Israel's chief delegate, Foreign Minister Eban, defined Israel's essential aim as "the right to live." Even Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy spoke of peace, if in an aggressive and abrasive tone more appropriate to a declaration of war. But we have not heard him speak of peace before; we have only heard Egyptian spokesmen promise eternal war, we have only heard them promise their people that when they were ready they would destroy Israel.

We are still very far from real peace, but the fact that the world is at last being used in public and not just for the benefit of hopeful Western newspapermen — may also be the beginning of wisdom. Peace will not come automatically as the result of use of the word, but it was totally impossible to achieve while the word was taboo and every Arab was promised only war.

'Table war': Eban threatened to leave

By ARI RATH

GENEVA. — The Middle East peace conference almost broke down Friday morning, just before the curtain was to go up — over a war of tables. Apparently there are no international conferences of any importance without their own table wars.

The Vietnam peace conference in Paris got bogged down for three months over the size and shape of table that was to seat the Vietnamese together with the North and South Vietnamese delegations. The conference of Berlin in May 1959, which was also held in the council chamber at the Palais des Nations here, did not get off for days until agreement was reached on the distance between the tables of the West and East German delegations. After days of arguing, while scores of delegates and journalists enjoyed the Spring sun at Lac Lemna, it was agreed to keep them six pencil widths apart.

The Middle East table war was much fiercer and shorter, as all Middle East wars are. Although it was regarded as a matter of substance by the parties, its scenario developed almost like a comic film.

Thursday afternoon: Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy tells U.N. Secretary Kurt Waldheim that both Egypt and Jordan will insist on having an empty table — the one set aside for Syria — between them and Israel's delegation. They refuse to accept alphabetical seating arrangements that would have the tables placed in heptagonal form with Waldheim flanked by the U.S. and Russian delegations.

Thursday 7 p.m.: Waldheim suggests to Abba Eban that Israel should sit next to one of the co-chairmen tables — the U.S. or the Soviet Union — with Syria's empty table on its left. Eban rejects this outright. "Israel will not agree to be subjected to an act of ostracism. It will not accept discrimination in status," he states.

Thursday 8.30 p.m.: At separate dinner meetings between Gromyko and Kissinger, and Waldheim and Fahmy, the Arabs demands on seating arrangements become one of the main talking points. Waldheim decided to give in to the Arabs, hoping that Israel will be amenable despite Eban's earlier objections. Friday, 10.10 a.m.: Eban, together

with the Israel delegation are the first to arrive at the Palais des Nations, to make sure there is no fait accompli while Israel isn't looking. A quick look at the council chamber reveals that Syria's empty table had indeed been placed to the left of Israel. Eban immediately sends word to Waldheim and Kissinger that he will not enter the council chamber under those circumstances, threatening to go home (probably only to his Geneva Hotel, at this stage).

10.25-10.32 a.m.: Fahmy, Waldheim, Rifa'i and Gromyko arrive in quick succession, with each delegation going to separate rooms, adjacent to the council chamber.

10.35: Waldheim goes to the Israel delegation's room and back to Fahmy.

10.35: General fixer-upper and peacekeeper Kissinger finally arrives on the scene.

10.40-10.50: Kissinger holds brief consultations with both Gromyko and Eban, each in their own rooms.

10.45: Waldheim is in again and out again, walking briskly back and forth across the entrance lobby from Fahmy's to Eban's room, to the right and left of the council chamber.

The empty table

Meanwhile, Kissinger and Gromyko work out a "sandwich" solution. Both Israel and Egypt will be seated on one side of the U.N. Secretary-General, and between one of the two co-chairmen. In order to "mix" the sides, it is agreed that the Russians will sit next to the Israelis and the Americans next to the Egyptians, while Jordan will be between the Americans and Syria's empty table, which again adjoins the Russians to complete the heptagonal shape.

10.55-11.01: Waldheim once more goes to Eban, back to Fahmy and then to Eban again, to get their agreement to the sandwich solution and the table war has come to an end.

11.02: Some 150 impatient journalists, who have been kept waiting for more than an hour in a narrow corridor, are admitted to the press gallery, while the council chamber is still empty.

11.10: Waldheim opens the first session of the Middle East peace conference, after a forty-minute delay.



Dr. Henry Kissinger and Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy hold hands in Geneva meeting. Below, the TV camera focused on empty table.



Readers' letters

Needed: Charismatic minister of information

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In the total war for existence in which Israel and the Jewish people are engaged, there is one flank which has been left largely open and unguarded, a front vulnerable to the attack of the enemy and his European advisers.

How is it that in the field of information, our forces have remained largely unorganized, with a multiplicity of commands not always fit to lead and at best capable of merely sporadic action?

Who is responsible for the war of words and the campaign of ideas which is a vital and inseparable part of our national struggle? The Foreign Ministry does issue information material of quite an attractive nature, but woefully lacking in

the expertise of psychological warfare which must form part of our struggle. The work of the Information Department of the Zionist Organization is hardly directed at the non-Jewish world.

Israel needs a charismatic minister of information with a department of experts in modern communication and social psychology chosen on professional merit and devoted in single-minded purpose to the justice of our cause.

One note of warning: Woe betide us if such a department is given to a mere party politician to be staffed by a gaggle of party hacks.

The right man must be found and soon.
A. MANN
Cape Town, November 25.

AN ISRAELI ABROAD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — As an Israeli outside the country, I went from disappointment to disappointment since the ceasefire became effective.

Instead of constructive thinking and action and unified stand to win the peace, hickering started and irresponsible utterances and statements from all sides with an eye to the elections. What Israel needs now is a Government of all parties as in 1967 and elections only after we have weathered the political crisis which is perhaps more serious than the war. Seen from here, Nairobi (Kenya), November 26.

Sadat is the moderate vis-a-vis an Israel without direction, internally disunited and waging its internal fights on the public stage.

We wonder why Western Europe and Africa have acted as they did out of materialistic interest, but were we different?

Articles translated from the Hebrew press published in African and Western newspapers about the internal state of affairs in Israel can only add to our political weakness.
JACOB VERED WEISS
Sgan-Aluf M.
Nairobi (Kenya), November 26.

DUTCH CHURCHES SUPPORT ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The letter written by Annette van der Schaaf and ten others (December 2) creates a false impression of the stand taken by the Dutch churches with regard to the Yom Kippur War. To the best of my knowledge there has not been any official announcement of the Dutch churches saying they do not want to support Israel. Since this letter was written (on October 21) some significant declarations have been made by Dutch churches. One of these was issued by the oldest and biggest Protestant church in the Netherlands, the Netherlands Reformed Church.

In the statement (in the form of a letter to a number of Dutch rabbis) the Netherlands Reformed Church clearly states that it feels itself essentially connected with the Jewish People not only because they are historically interwoven, but because this connection is anchored in the Church's confession. It is further stated that this connection has political consequences and implies the full recognition of the right of existence of the State of Israel, as the Jewish People cannot be thought of separately from the State of Israel. It is also stated that peace and justice in the Middle East can only be achieved when Israel can

live within secure, internationally recognized and protected borders. If mention is made of the Palestinian refugees, this cannot in any way be interpreted as lack of support for Israel.

REV. COOS SCHONEVELD
Theological Adviser in Jerusalem of the Netherlands Reformed Church
Bin Karem, December 4.

YOUTH RESPONDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — We realize the emotions of the Israeli people during this crisis. We would like to tell the Israelis that they do not stand alone in this time of need. We appreciate the fact that the Israeli people are fighting for the right of Jews everywhere to survive.

Am Yisrael Hai.
DAVID MASLOW
BARRY SIMON
United Synagogue Day School
Toronto, December 6.



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Geneva milestone

Davar (Histadrut) welcomes the Geneva Conference as "the first serious international effort in a generation to find a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Doubts and misgivings notwithstanding, every chance for a settlement which does not impair our vital interests must be explored to the full."

Ha'aretz (non-party) agrees with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko that the subject of the conference is extremely complex and will require good will and a sense of realism on the part of all concerned. The paper adds: "We are not going to Geneva to receive a dictate or a timetable for its implementation. If this is understood also by the other side — the Soviet Union included — then there is reason to hope the conference will not end in failure."

Al Hanihsanar (Mapam) takes issue with the opposition Likud Party, whose policy of "territorial integrity" would torpedo the talks from the outset. "Israel must operate not in a vacuum, but in a harsh political reality. Now politics is the art of the possible, and it is within the framework of this art that we must

fight for what is essential — namely peace with defensible borders." Ha'aretz (National Religious) feels every effort should have been made to schedule the meetings in such a way that they did not desecrate the Sabbath. "An unequivocal announcement that we would not attend a conference that meets on the Sabbath would certainly have compelled the participants to arrange their schedule differently."

Omer (Histadrut) says that even the pessimists will have to agree that the fact that the conference is taking place amounts to a reversal of the Khartoum Resolutions. "Though we do not know if it will bring peace, we know full well that the only course Israel could have adopted was that leading to Geneva. If peace results — well and good. If not, the world will know who is to blame."

She'arim (Po'alei Agudat Yisrael) draws parallels with the Maccabees, who likewise took arms against an enemy much larger and more powerful than themselves. "If we follow their example of courage and faith in the Almighty, we too will be triumphant."

FOREIGN PRESS

A New York Times editorial said on Friday: "Israel and the Arab States on Friday began the task of negotiating, of finding a way together to termi-

nate the hostility of a generation past. Not for a quarter century the entire history of modern Israel's existence — have the belligerents of the Middle East entered upon a solemn and direct encounter such as is now about to open in Geneva..."

"All the diplomatic ingenuity of the rival delegations, as well as the conference co-sponsors, the US and the USSR, will have to be marshalled to design the stages of equivalence between the issues of Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories and its security between recognized boundaries..."

"For members of the international community, the essential principle at Geneva will be forbearance, to refrain from interjecting their own formulas upon a process which must be played out by the belligerents..."

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